GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) During the last 3 months viz. from November, 1987 to January, 1988, 26 incidents of eve-teasing were reported compared to 13 such incidents in the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due to the greater vigilance on the part of the police and greater confidence among women to report such cases.

(c) Students of some colleges in the Delhi University campus area had held a demonstration in this regard on the 18th January, 1988 but there is no unrest as such.

(d) Steps like posting police personnel in uniform as well as in plain clothes at main bus stops, around girls schools/colleges and in running buses have been taken. The police control room vans also check the buses to curb this menace. Special drives are also frequently carried out.

Delhi Freedom Fighters appeal for increase in Pension

125. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters of Delhi have appealed to Government for increase in pension since they were drawing Rs. 500 as compared to Rs. 900 in neighbouring States and for other facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken to fulfil their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Delhi State Freedom Fighters Committee have been requesting for grant of pension to the freedom fighters belonging to the Union Territory of Delhi by the Delhi Administration, in addition to the pension from the Central Government.

(b) The matter is under active consideration.

Convening of an all-party meeting to so Punjab Problem

126. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHR
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab unit of the Co munist Party of India has suggested to t Union Government to convene an all-pa meeting at the National level to evolve political solution to the Punjab proble and

(b) if so, what are the details in t regard and what is Central Governmen reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBL GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) their Memorandum dated 28th Septembe 1987, the Punjab State Council, Comm nist Party of India, Chandigarh *inter-al* stated that "Prime Minister should ta initiative to build national consensus of least all patriotic secular parties and forc to find political solution to Punjab pro lem. The Punjab accord provides go basis for such solution and national co cenusu."

The Government has made since efforts to solve the Punjab problem a implement the Punjab Accord and effo in this direction are continuing. Out 11 items in the Memorandum of Settleme 8 items have already been implement and action has been initiated to impl ment the remaining 3 items as well.

Criticism of loan melas by the Chairma of public sector banks

127. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ch man of Public Sector Banks have critic

the loan melas and demanded that banks should be the sole authority in deciding the beneficiaries under rural development schemes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDA FALETRO): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that in the reports submitted to it by tht various Chairmen of Public Sector Banks after their field visits, it was indicated that due to several deficiencies in the functioning of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and District Industries Centre (DICs), the quality of bank lending was becoming poorer. The RBI has further reported that they did not receive any information relating to criticism of loan melas. The Chairman of Public Sector Banks had suggested that the selection of beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and under the Scheme for providing Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) be delinked from the DRDAs and DICs respectively and be left to the committee of bankers, to avoid the multiplicity of agencies dealing with the financing of these programmes.

Grant of cash compensatory support to 100 per cent export oriented units on their finished products.

128. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 2546 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the grant of Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units on their finished products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) No Sir, No final decision has been taken on the matter.

Alleged sati incident in a village of U.P.

129. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports regarding an alleged Sati incident in Mihir Kheria Village, Lalitpur district, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and, what is Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that a case was registered on 10.1.1988 at Police Station Jakhlon, District Lalitpur (U.P.) in this regard. Enquiries revealed that Smt. Shakuntala, wife of deceased Harpal Singh who had